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(*f*) what the buildings are which have been provided for the occupation of the staff of the said school;

(*g*) whether the buildings are of permanent structure, and if so, how long can they endure;

(*h*) whether it is a fact that better type of quarters are lying vacant at Mettur; and

(*i*) if so, what the reasons are for not providing those vacant quarters for the better accommodation of the staff and pupils?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) This is not thought to be necessary.

(*c*) The school was actually transferred on November 1st.

(*d*) About Rs. 4,000.

(*e*) The cost for the year ending 31st March 1935 was Rupees 23,845-8-2.

The annual saving is expected to be Rs. 5,710.

(*f*) Subdivisional officers quarters for the headmaster.
Supervisors quarters for L.T. Assistants.
Higher-grade clerks quarters for other assistants (secondary-grade teachers and instructors).

(*g*) Yes; they will endure so long as they are properly maintained.

(*h*) & (*i*) The quarters provided are of a type consistent with the status of the occupants.

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—" May I know, Sir, under what head this saving of Rs. 5,710 in respect of the Government Training School at Mettur would be effected? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I am sorry I cannot give the details; probably it will come mainly under rent of buildings."

Medical Administration

Enquiry into certain allegations made against the Medical Officer, Srivilliputtur.

* 588 *Q.*—Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a mahazar containing serious allegations against the Medical Officer in charge of the Srivilliputtur Government Hospital, Mr. Gopalakrishna Ayyar, was received by the Surgeon-General from the public of Srivilliputtur in the beginning of May 1935;

(*b*) whether any enquiry was made into the allegations, and if made, what the result was of the enquiry;

(*c*) by whom was the enquiry conducted;

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(*d*) what action was taken in consequence of his report; and

(*e*) whether any representation has been made to the Surgeon-General that the present District Medical Officer is prejudiced in favour of the doctor and if so, whether any steps have been taken to institute any further enquiry by any other impartial officer?

A.—(*a*) Yes. A mahazar containing some allegations against the Civil Assistant Surgeon, Government Hospital, Srivilliputtur, was received by the Surgeon-General.

(*b*) & (*c*) An enquiry was conducted by the District Medical Officer, Ramnad, and nothing irregular was found against the Civil Assistant Surgeon.

(*d*) The papers were recorded.

(*e*) No.

Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI:—"The reasons for asking the District Medical Officer, Ramnad, to make the enquiry are not given in the answer. The question states that this particular officer is prejudiced in favour of the doctor. May I know the reason for this, Sir?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not think we can start with the presumption that the head of the administration in the district is prejudiced in favour of any particular individual."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether it was an open enquiry and whether the signatories to the petition were asked to be present at the time of the enquiry?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"Certain signatories to the mahazar were also examined."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know the nature of the allegations contained in the mahazar?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That the medical officer was not attending to the patients properly, he was not sufficiently courteous to the patients, and allegations of that kind."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—"Was there any difficulty in such an examination being conducted by the Collector of the district?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I don't think it is at all necessary."

Vacancy remaining unfilled in the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women, Salem.

* 589 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Superintendent or Lady Assistant Surgeon's post in the Queen Alexandra Hospital for Women at Salem is left unfilled for about the last two months; and

(*b*) if so, what the reasons therefor are, and when it is likely to be filled?